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Q6

"Policy contradictions among various competing sectors and stakeholders have resulted in inadequate 'protection and prevention of degradation to environment.'" Comment with relevant illustrations.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · GS II · 10 marks · Governance and Policy

Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

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Article 48A

Directive Principle, inserted by the 42nd Amendment, directing the State to protect and improve the environment and safeguard forests and wildlife.

Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

Umbrella statute after Bhopal; basis for EIA notifications and many pollution standards.

Forest Rights Act, 2006

Recognises forest dwellers' rights and gram sabha role; often collides with mining and diversion clearances.

National Green Tribunal Act, 2010

Creates a specialist tribunal for environmental disputes and compensation.

T.S.R. Subramanian Committee (2014)

Reviewed environment laws with an emphasis on faster decision-making; widely debated as risking dilution.

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